



Tennessee Crop Weather

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FIELD CROPS HARVEST SLOWED AGAIN

Corn and soybean harvest were the most prevalent activities, but still lagged well behind both last year and the 5-year average primarily due to rain. Because of the late harvest of these crops, winter wheat seedings may lag well behind as well. Producers still report above average yields for the portion of these crops harvested. Activities last week included tobacco stripping. There were 4.5 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture levels were rated 17 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture levels were rated 18 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2012	Five Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn - Mature	100	-	100	100	Corn	0	1	9	44	46
Corn for Grain - Harvested	71	-	98	91	Cotton	2	8	25	48	17
Corn Silage - Harvested	100	-	100	100	Pasture	1	3	28	56	12
Cotton - Bolls Opening	70	-	99	98	Soybeans	0	3	13	47	37
Cotton - Defoliated	62	-	99	95	Tobacco	5	8	24	48	15
Cotton – Harvested	8	-	58	53						
Soybeans – Dropping Leaves	78	-	94	95						
Soybeans - Harvested	23	-	46	50						
Burley Tobacco - Harvested	91	-	93	95						
Burley Tobacco - Stripped	2	N/A	14	16						
Dark Air Cured - Harvested	96	-	100	100						
Dark Fire Cured - Harvested	93	-	99	98						

- No Estimate Published

County Agent Comments

All corn, tobacco and silage is harvested. .2 in. rain this week helped with pasture drying. Still have some folks baling hay this week. Soybean harvest underway with very good yields. Glad the Government is open again!

John Goddard, Loudon County

The farmers in Fayette county were not able to do much field work this week due to rain that moved in Tuesday. Monday some farmers were in the field harvesting. Cotton, beans milo and corn are being harvested. Corn and milo has had a hard time drying. Cotton is still green in many fields and farmers are worried.

Jeffery Via, Fayette County

Due to rain, very little has been done this week. Just about all of the cotton acres have the first shot of defoliate on them. We are just waiting for the weather to get the final defoliate spray. Still a few acres of corn that has not been harvested and soybeans will be all hands on deck next week.

Jake Mallard, Madison County

General rain fell early week with most locations receiving just over .6". Corn harvest started back up on Friday with many producers shelling higher moisture corn than they prefer. Soybean harvest is inching along with yields being reported in the mid-50's to mid-60 bushel range. Wheat seeding got started early week and was promptly shut down on Tuesday due to rain.

Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

The abundant amount of rainfall and cooler than normal temperatures we have received this year created ideal growing conditions for most crops and pastures.

David Cook, Davidson County

Tobacco harvest is nearly complete. A few producers have started stripping, but the dry weather limited the farmers' progress. Pastures and recently seeded cover crops needed the moisture this week.

Jason Evitts, Trousdale County

Corn is being harvested and producers are pleased with yield. Soybean harvest has just started but late beans will be a push to be mature before frost. Pastures are short and need some rain. Pasture improvement seems to be a popular project this fall. Forage sorghum continues to be cut for silage.

Ruth Correll, Wilson County

Showers mid week and heavy fog on Friday have hampered harvest and planting efforts. Corn harvest is all but over, producers were scrambling to finish up corn before rains moved in Wednesday. About a third of the beans have been harvested, and all but the later planted have shed leaves. the bulk of the canola has been planted, along with a few acres of wheat.

Ed Burns, Franklin County

Non-irrigated corn yields continue to be impressive at 170+ bushels. The cotton crop is very behind schedule. Recent rains are providing a great finish for the soybean crop. These same rains are sending pastures into fall in good shape.

Walter Battle, Haywood County

TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION
For week ending: October 20, 2013 (with comparisons)

LOCATION	TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION					
	Week Ending October 20, 2013				Current Week 10/20/13	Rain Days	Current Since January 1	Departure From Normal January 1	Current Since April 1	Departure From Normal April 1
	HI	LO	AVG	DFN						
West										
Ames_Plantation	82	35	61	1	1.25	4	48.24	7.13	29.39	2.05
Brownsville_TN	80	37	59	-2	0.78	2	50.84	9.80	34.19	6.95
Covington	78	38	58	-3	1.09	4	53.40	13.14	36.95	10.37
Dyersburg	79	39	61	-2	1.05	4	50.78	11.57	35.99	9.60
Huntingdon_Wate	80	36	59	2	0.65	3	63.69	21.62	44.38	16.07
Jackson_Exp_Stn	80	36	60	0	0.79	3	55.15	14.10	37.32	9.55
Lexington_TN	79	36	59	-1	0.65	4	54.08	14.07	36.48	9.66
Martin	78	38	59	0	0.62	4	60.90	19.26	44.90	16.50
Memphis_AG	82	40	61	-2	1.02	3	54.90	14.83	36.67	10.09
Milan	80	35	58	-1	0.88	4	61.55	18.77	44.61	15.45
Paris	78	35	57	0	0.54	4	60.44	19.27	44.18	16.52
Savannah_6SW	83	36	61	0	1.54	3	47.88	3.62	31.81	3.01
Selmer	81	33	60	2	1.44	2	44.08	0.52	25.78	-2.54
Union_City	77	38	58	1	0.61	4	50.22	9.55	36.44	8.95
Middle										
Clarksville_Sew	80	37	59	2	0.48	3	48.16	8.42	31.61	5.52
Cookeville	78	32	59	2	0.53	2	55.29	10.11	40.85	10.70
Crossville_AP	77	35	59	5	0.28	1	50.34	6.28	35.35	6.31
Dickson_AG	78	32	58	-2	0.48	2	49.27	6.88	33.15	4.77
Dover_1W	78	37	59	3	0.26	3	62.62	21.21	44.34	16.83
Fayetteville_TN	82	36	61	4	0.65	4	54.18	11.72	37.94	10.76
Jamestown	75	30	55	0	0.47	3	50.21	6.32	35.15	5.10
Kingston_Spring	82	34	60	4	0.46	4	42.11	1.21	28.38	1.45
Lewisburg	81	36	61	4	0.51	2	46.08	2.69	32.21	3.40
Livingston_WLIV	78	34	59	3	0.45	3	50.50	8.52	34.18	5.72
Lobelville	80	36	60	4	0.43	3	50.09	6.72	31.86	3.48
Murfreesboro_5N	82	34	60	3	0.56	3	48.77	6.31	33.74	5.06
Nashville_Metro	82	35	62	3	0.31	2	43.48	5.89	29.60	4.25
Oneida	77	35	59	6	0.37	2	47.88	3.91	33.42	3.32
Portland_TN	79	35	58	2	0.5	4	47.93	7.28	33.60	6.25
Pulaski_Water_P	81	34	60	-1	0.89	3	50.90	7.41	33.65	5.55
Shelbyville	81	35	59	0	0.7	2	53.01	9.45	39.19	10.51
Sparta_TN	79	35	60	4	0.34	4	48.34	4.58	32.88	3.69
Springfield	77	36	59	2	0.56	3	56.95	17.86	42.72	16.50
Springhill	83	35	60	3	0.64	3	42.37	-0.87	28.25	-0.38
Tullahoma	79	37	61	2	0.61	2	54.39	9.68	40.47	11.73
Waynesboro_TN	80	35	61	4	0.69	2	46.46	1.33	30.18	0.82
East										
Chattanooga/Lov	83	40	65	6	0.08	2	56.55	14.05	38.52	11.75
Cleveland_6NNE	79	38	61	4	0.3	3	51.06	7.44	33.76	5.70
Dayton	80	36	61	3	0.4	2	58.79	14.31	42.06	13.60
Erwin_1W	75	41	60	7	0.25	3	45.03	4.86	30.28	1.62
Gatlinburg_2SW	71	45	60	6	0.45	3	61.44	15.25	40.13	7.88
Greeneville	79	34	60	5	0.21	2	50.75	15.60	33.92	9.46
Kingston_AG	80	39	62	7	0.21	1	51.15	4.84	33.79	3.56
Knoxville_AP	79	39	63	6	0.6	2	56.18	18.37	35.80	11.31
Newcomb	75	35	59	6	0.35	2	48.46	4.49	33.04	2.94
Norris_4NE	79	36	60	4	0.24	2	51.75	9.68	34.67	6.49
Tri-City_RGNL_A	79	34	60	4	0.18	3	47.36	13.85	31.16	8.02

DFN = Departure from Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Rain Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more during the week. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) measured in inches.

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